

# Decimals in Words

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## CONCEPT

## 1

# Decimals in Words

Here you'll learn how to read and write decimals to the ten - thousandths place.

Julie has figured out how to identify decimals and how to determine the place value of certain decimals. She also knows how to write one out in expanded notation. With confidence, she was able to finish this section of her homework.

What about writing decimals? Do you know how to do that?

Well, the next part of Julie's homework requires that she know how to write a decimal out in words. Here is the first decimal in this part of the homework.

.567

Julie isn't sure how to write this one out.

**This Concept is all about reading and writing decimals. This is exactly what is needed for Julie to be successful in her assignment.**

## Guidance

We have been learning all about figuring out the value of different decimals. We have used place value to write them, we have used pictures and we have stretched them out. Now it is time to learn to read and write them directly. Let's start with reading decimals.

### How do we read a decimal?

We read a decimal by using the words that show the place value of the last digit of the decimal.

.45

To help us read this decimal, we can put it into our place value chart.

TABLE 1.1:

Hundred	Tens	Ones		Tenths	Hundredths	Thousands	Ten Thousandths
			.	4	5		

We read this decimal by using the place value of the last digit to the right of the decimal point. Normally, we would read this number as **forty-five**. Because it is a decimal, we read forty-five hundredths. The last digit is a five and it is in the hundredths place.

### Can we use place value to write the number too?

Yes we can. We write the number as we normally would.

Forty-five

Next, we add the place value of the last digit to the right of the decimal point.

Forty-five hundredths

**Our answer is forty-five hundredths.**

**We can use this method to read and write any decimal. What about a decimal with more digits?**

.5421

First, let's put this number in our place value chart.

**TABLE 1.2:**

Hundred	Tens	Ones		Tenths	Hundredths	Thousands	Ten Thousandths
		.		5	4	2	1

**First, let's read the number.** We can look at the number without the decimal. It would read:

**Five thousand four hundred twenty-one**

Next we add the place value of the last digit

**Ten thousandth**

**Five thousand four hundred and twenty-one ten thousandths**

**This is our answer.**

**It is also the way we write the number in words too. Notice that is it very important that we add the THS to the end of the place value when working with decimals.**

Now let's practice. Write each decimal in words.

### Example A

.7

**Solution: Seven Tenth**

### Example B

.765

**Solution: Seven Hundred and Sixty - Five Thousandths**

### Example C

.2219

**Solution: Two Thousand Two Hundred and Nineteen Ten - Thousandths**

Do you have it? Now it's time to help Julie with this part of her math homework. Here is the original problem once again.

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Julie isn't sure how to write this one out.

First, let's read the number as if it wasn't a decimal.

**Five hundred and sixty - seven.**

But because this is a decimal, we have to add the place value of the last digit to the right. This is a seven in the thousandths place.

**Our answer is five hundred and sixty - seven thousandths.**

**Vocabulary**

Here are the vocabulary words in this Concept.

**Whole number** a number that represents a whole quantity

**Decimal** a part of a whole

**Decimal point** the point in a decimal that divides parts and wholes

**Expanded form** writing out a decimal the long way to represent the value of each place value in a number

**Guided Practice**

Here is one for you to try on your own.

Write the following decimal in words.

.1345

**Answer**

First, we can write the decimal out as if it wasn't a decimal.

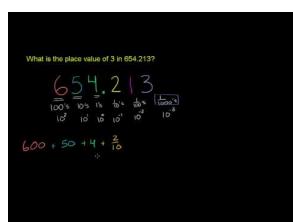
**One thousand three hundred and forty - five**

Next, we add the place value of the last digit which is a five in the ten - thousandths place.

**Our answer is one thousand three hundred and forty - five ten - thousandths.**

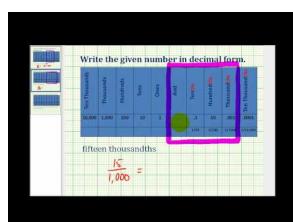
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**Practice**

Directions: Write out each decimal in words.

1. .5

2. .8

3. .21

4. .18

5. .4

6. .56

7. .93

8. .801

9. .834

10. .355

11. .155

12. .624

13. .5623

14. .9783

15. .5671

16. .2134

17. .0123

18. .0098

19. .0008

20. .0001